

Notes and Quotes - After VT

John 20:19-21- When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. **As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**"

After this week, we'll want to hide. **Some will hide in safety.** This is a beautiful thing, something we rightly desire. We use helmets and seatbelts and stand in long lines to throw ourselves in front of metal detectors because we want to be safe. Maybe in the coming months, we'll come up with "more effective means of keeping our schools safe." No inconvenience, no humiliation will seem too great if it means safety at the other end.

Some will hide in the public's welfare. We'll debate whether there are too many guns out there, or not enough. We'll argue about how much freedom we should give up in the name of security. And we'll preach mightily what is best for the nation.

Others will hide in righteous anger at the failure of authorities to warn students. We'll demand accountability until someone's head rolls.

But wherever we choose to hide, **we'll all be hiding from the same thing:** our vulnerability, our mortality, the suddenness with which life can be snatched from us or our loved ones. Safety and public policy and righteous anger—these are good and necessary things. But they can also turn into places to hide, where we crouch in the dark, trembling and alone. - Mark Galli

Luke 24.50 says - When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem **with great joy.**

(Apathy is) the sin that **believes in** nothing, **cares for** nothing, **seeks to know** nothing, **interferes with** nothing, **enjoys** nothing, **hates** nothing, **finds purpose in** nothing, **lives for** nothing, and remains alive because there is **nothing for which it will die.** - Dorothy Sayers (sort of)

We often wonder how we are to discern the will of Jesus for our lives, wishing he would write his will in the sky or whisper it into our ears. All the while, **he is shouting to us through our deepest fears** — "As the Father sent me, so I send you!" — sending us into the very situation from which we are hiding. - Mark Galli